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**WASHINGTON, INDIANA MAN SENTENCED FOLLOWING
FEDERAL METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING TRIAL**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOSUE BABINES-PIMENTEL, 32, of Washington, Indiana, was sentenced to 292 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his conviction after trial June 14, 2005 for conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute methamphetamine. The case was the result of an investigation by the DEA-Evansville, the Vincennes Police Department, the Indiana State Police, the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, the Knox County Sheriff's Department and the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Joint Drug Task Force.

In April, 2004, fifteen persons, including BABINES-PIMENTEL, were indicted for conspiring to traffic in methamphetamine between the fall of 2003 and the spring of 2004. These persons trafficked multiple kilograms of high purity methamphetamine from Mexico and California to southwestern Indiana, often in vehicles with hidden compartments. Once in Indiana, the drugs were sold for cash or firearms.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew P. Brookman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 5 years supervised release following BABINES-PIMENTEL's release from imprisonment.

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